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Mr. Andrew Silfer
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's *Addendum to Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan for the Phase 4 Floodplain Properties*, GE- Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the above-referenced *Addendum to Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan for the Phase 4 Floodplain Properties*, dated February 10, 2006 (Addendum). The Addendum is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

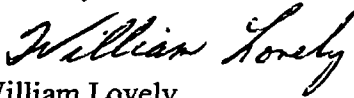
Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the Work Plan subject to the following conditions.

1. Figure 9-1 is not consistent with recent modifications to the operating procedures for the On-Plant Consolidation Areas (OPCAs). These modifications include, among other things, several different (and preferable) routes to bring excavated materials to the OPCAs. GE shall revise Figure 9-1 as follows: (1) eliminate the jog onto the GE-owned parking lot north of Tyler Street, (2) allow for trucks to go to the OPCAs via Merrill Road and New York Avenue, (3) allow trucks to enter the Hill 78 OPCA via New York Avenue, and (4) include the option to enter Building 71 OPCA via Merrill Road and then taking a left through the General Dynamics parking lot. GE shall include a revised Figure 9-1 in the forthcoming Supplemental Information Package, which is due by April 15, 2006.
2. As for the revised Section 7.6, it is EPA's position that the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and Regulations are an Applicable or Relevant and appropriate Requirement (ARAR) for the Phase 4 Flood plain Properties.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Lovely".

William Lovely
GE Facility Project Manager

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